

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph on page 6 between lines 20 and 21 of the substitute specification:

In an embodiment, a method of transporting electrical energy by means of a vehicle, wherein the vehicle carries an electrical storage device as a payload, is characterized by the following steps: charging the storage device with electrical energy; transporting the vehicle to a destination; and discharging the storage device at the destination. In an embodiment, after charging of the electrical energy into the storage device but prior to transport of the storage device to the destination a fluid contained in the storage device is removed and that after transport of the storage device to the destination but prior to removal of the electrical energy fluid is introduced into the storage device. In an embodiment, the fluid is cleaned after removal but prior to storage. In an embodiment, the container is taken off the vehicle after the departure of the vehicle with the fluid introduced therein or is put on board the vehicle before the vehicle arrives respectively. In an embodiment, a monitoring or control device detects the number of charge/discharge cycles for each storage element and when a predetermined number of cycles is reached outputs a corresponding notification.